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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A fiber product treating agent composition comprising (a) a nonionic surfactant containing 1 to 3 polyoxyalkylene groups having the number-average addition mol number of the oxyalkylene group of 50 to 200 and 1 to 3 hydrocarbon groups having 14 to 32 carbon atoms and having an HLB of 16 or more and a melting point of 30 to 80°C, and (b) an amino-modified silicone compound, (c) at least one type selected from a tertiary amine in which one or two groups of the three groups bonded to a nitrogen atom of the tertiary amine is/are a hydrocarbon group having 10 to 20 carbon atoms and the remainder group(s) is/are a hydrocarbon group which has 1 to 3 carbon atoms and may be substituted with a hydroxy group, an acid salt thereof and a quaternary product thereof, and (d) polymer compound having the weight-average molecular weight of 2000 or more (excluding component (a) and component (b)), at a mass ratio of the component (a)/the component (b) of 4/1 to 1/4, at a mass ratio of the component (a) /the component (c) of 20/1 to 1/1, at a mass ratio of [the component (a) + component (b)]/ [component (c) + component (d) 1 of 95/5 to 80/20.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The fiber product treating agent composition according to Claim 1. wherein the component (a) is a compound represented by the formula (1):

$$R^{1n}-A-[(R^{1b}-O)_a-R^{1c}]_b$$
 (1)

wherein R1a represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 14 to 32, R1b represents an alkylene group having 2 or 3 carbon atoms, Rtc represents a group selected from a hydrogen atom, an alkyl or alkenyl group having 14 to 32, or an alkanoyl or alkenyl group having 15 to 33 carbon atoms, A represents a connecting group selected from -O-, -COO-, -CON- or -N-, provided that when A is -O- or -COO-, b is 1 or when A is -CON< or -N<, b is 2, a is a number-average value of 50 to 200, where plural R1bs and R1cs may be the same or different.

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- 4. (Currently amended) The fiber product treating agent composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, claim 1 or claim 3, wherein the component (b) is a compound having a kinematic viscosity of 100 to 20000 mm²/s at 25°C and an amino equivalence of 400 to 8000.
- 5. (Currently amended) [[A]] The fiber product treating agent composition according to Claim 1, further comprising (a) a nonionic surfactant containing 1 to 3 polyoxvalkylene groups having the number-average addition mol number of the oxyalkylene group of 50 to 200 and 1 to 3 hydrocarbon groups having 14 to 32 earbon atoms and having an HLB of 16 or more and a melting point of 30 to 80°C, (b) an amino modified silicone compound and (m) a silicone compound having a polyoxyalkylene chain.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The fiber product treating agent composition according to Claim 5 or 6, wherein the component (m) is a compound represented by the formula (6):

$$R^{12} = \begin{cases} R^{11} & R^{11} \\ Si = O \\ R^{11} & R^{11} \\ R^{11} &$$

wherein x denotes a number from 100 to 600 and is given by the following equations in relation to v and z, which are respectively a number given by the following equation: x: v = 100: 1 to 10: 1 and y: z = 1: 10 to 10: 1, plural R^{11} s, which may be the same or different, respectively represents an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, two R12s, which may be the same or different, respectively represent an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a hydroxyalkyl group or an alkoxy group, D is a group represented by the following formula (i) or a mixture of a group represented by the formula (i) and a group represented by the 3

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formula (ii), wherein in the latter case, the proportion of the group represented by the formula (ii) in D is 50 mol% or less:

$$\begin{array}{c} R^{13} \\ -(CH_2)_p N - CO(CH_2)_q - O - (C_2H_4O)_r - (C_3H_6O)_s - R^{14} \\ R^{13} \\ -(CH_2)_p N - H \end{array} \eqno(i)$$

wherein p denotes a number from 2 to 6, \mathbb{R}^{13} represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, q denotes a number from 1 to 6, r denotes a number from 1 to 20, s denotes a number from 0 to 20. \mathbb{R}^{14} represents an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, where the oxyethylene group and the oxypropylene group may be bonded by either random addition or block addition, E represents a group represented by the formula (iii) or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms:

wherein R¹⁵ represents an alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, t denotes a number from 2 to 6, u denotes a number from 1 to 20 and v denotes a number from 0 to 20, where the oxyethylene group and the oxypropylene group may be bonded by either random addition or block addition.

8-9. (Canceled)

 (Currently amended) A method of treating a fiber product by using applying the composition as claimed in Claim 1 or 5 to the fiber product.

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